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SUBJECT: LCY FOREIGN AFFAIRS SECRETARY ON COMINFORMIST
AFFAIR

REF : BELGRADE 4940

1. IN COURSE OF COURTESY CALL OCT 7 AMBASSADOR RAISED
COMINFORMIST AFFAIR WITH LCY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SECRETARY
FOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS ALEKSANDAR GRICKOV.

2. GRICKOV SAID THIS WAS AN "ORGANIZED ENEMY GROUP,
STALINIST IN POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY, TARGETED AGAINST THE
YUGOSLAVPARTY AND GOVERNMENT", WHICH HAS MADE CONTACT
WITH FORMER YUGOSLAV CITIZENS WHO HAD EMIGRATED AFTER 1948
TO PRAGUE AND KIEV WHERE THEY NOW HAD LOCAL CITIZENSHIP.

3. THE LCY HAD INFORMED THE PARTIES OF THOSE COUNTRIES
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AND ASKED THAT THEIR CITIZENS INVOLVED IN THE AFFAIR BE

PREVENTED FROM FURTHER ANTI-YUGOSLAV ACTIVITIES. THESE APPROACHES HAD BEEN MADE IN JULY. CONCURRENTLY, YUGOSLAV PARTY MEMBERS WERE INFORMED OF THE EVENT "NOT WITH THE INTENT OF SPOILING RELATIONS WITH THESE OTHER PARTIES", BUT TO PREVENT FALSE INTERPRETATION OF THE EVENT WITHIN THE LCY

4. ACCORDING TO GRICKOV YUGOSLAVIA WILL INSIST THAT THESE GROUPS BE CONTROLLED, AND ITSELF WILL DO NOTHING TO SPOIL RELATIONS WITH THE OTHER PARTIES "WHICH HAD BEEN REHABILITATED IN RECENT YEARS" ON THE BASIS OF THE 1955 DECLARATION SIGNED WHEN KRUSHCHEV VISITED BELGRADE. BUT, GRICKOV CONTINUED, IF THERE IS ANY FURTHER PROBLEM IN THIS REGARD IT WILL "BECOME AN ELEMENT IN YUGOSLAV-SOVIET RELATIONS".

5. TO AMBASSADOR'S QUESTION ABOUT GRICKOV'S FAILURE TO MENTION ALLEGED ROLE OF HUNGARY, GRICKOV SAID HUNGARIAN INVOLVEMENT RELATED ONLY TO FACT THAT COMINFORM GROUPS HAD SENT PROPAGANDA MATERIALS TO YUGOSLAVIA BY WAY OF HUNGARY.

6. ASKED IF IT WOULD BE CORRECT TO SAY YUGOSLAVS WERE NOT DISTURBED BY EXISTENCE OF GROUP, BUT WERE CONCERNED OVER ITS TIES WITH THE SOVIET UNION, GRICKOV CONFIRMED THIS AND LAUNCHED INTO DISPASSIONATE ANALYSIS OF HOW EASTERN OR WESTERN PRESS IS CONSTANTLY TRYING TO SHOW HOW YUGOSLAVIA IS GOING RESPECTIVELY EITHER WEST OR EAST AND REJECTING NONALIGNMENT. NEITHER IS TRUE, GRICKOV STRESSED, AND THE 10TH CONGRESS REAFFIRMED THAT YUGOSLAVIA WILL CONTINUE NONALIGNED. "THIS INDICATES," HE SAID, "THAT THE MODERATE FORCES WON THE BATTLE AT THE 10TH CONGRESS AND NOW PREVAIL."

7. AMBASSADOR'S REQUEST TO CALL ON GRICKOV WAS ANSWERED WITHIN TWO DAYS, AN UNUSUAL SPEED FOR PARTY OFFICIALS, AND YUGOSLAV DESIRE TO PASS WORD TO US AUTHORITATIVELY ON THE COMINFORMIST AFFAIR MAY WELL HAVE BEEN AN ELEMENT. WHAT GRICKOV HAD TO SAY ADDED NOTHING NEW SUBSTANTIVELY, CONFIDENTIAL

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BUT IS DEMONSTRATIVE CONFIRMATION OF THE MANNER IN WHICH SOME YUGOSLAVS HAVE CHOSEN TO HANDLE THE CASE.
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